

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ANIMAL REFUGE LEAGUE IN PORTLAND, MAINE

HON. CHELLIE PINGREE

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 21, 2011

Ms. PINGREE of Maine. Mr. Speaker, in 1911, the Animal Refuge League in Portland, Maine was incorporated and in 1956, former Maine Governor Percival Baxter helped fund and establish the League's new location on Stroudwater Street in Westbrook, Maine. Each year, the Animal Refuge League of Greater Portland (ARLGP) rescues and places more than 4,000 dogs, cats, rabbits, birds, gerbils and other animals all around Maine each year. The dedicated staff and volunteers nurture wounded, neglected and abandoned animals so they can be placed in loving homes. The organization has an impressive 92 percent placement rate for cats and dogs, which is among the highest in the country.

This year, the Animal Refuge League marks its one hundredth anniversary. In addition to fulfilling its original mission to provide temporary care and permanent shelter for stray, abandoned and relinquished animals, the ARLGP is also developing innovative programs to meet the needs of Maine communities in new ways.

Through Paws in Stripes, the ARLGP maintains a working relationship with Maine Correctional Center in Windham whereby the prisoners play a major role in the socialization of select puppies from the shelter. A new Seniors to Seniors program matches senior citizens with senior cats, and the ongoing foster program works with families to provide temporary homes to animals who need time, rest, recuperation, medical care or socialization before they are ready for adoption. Humane Education is a program that teaches children of all ages respect for all living things.

As someone who spent years working as an organic farmer, I have a deep appreciation for the many roles that animals play in all our lives. Today, I am happy to celebrate the ARLGP's one hundred years of successful work rescuing animals. Congratulations, and thank you for the work that you do.

CONGRATULATORY REMARKS FOR OBTAINING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

HON. SANDY ADAMS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. ADAMS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate Andrew Bosch for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

Throughout the history of the Boy Scouts of America, the rank of Eagle Scout has only been attained through dedication to concepts

such as honor, duty, country and charity. For his Eagle Scout Project Andrew provided plant and tree identification markers for a local Historic Park. By applying these concepts to daily life, Andrew has proven his true and complete understanding of their meanings, and thereby deserves this honor.

I offer my congratulations on a job well done and best wishes for the future.

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Mrs. ADAMS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate Zachary Peter Stephens for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

Throughout the history of the Boy Scouts of America, the rank of Eagle Scout has only been attained through dedication to concepts such as honor, duty, country and charity. For his Eagle Scout Project Zachary completed a restoration project of a garden area called the Harbor House. By applying these concepts to daily life, Zachary has proven his true and complete understanding of their meanings, and thereby deserves this honor.

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PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF, ADMIRAL MICHAEL G. MULLEN'S 43 YEARS OF SERVICE TO OUR NATION

HON. C.W. BILL YOUNG

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Admiral Michael G. Mullen, for his extraordinary dedication to duty and service to the United States of America as the 17th Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Admiral "Mike" Mullen will retire as the highest-ranking officer in the United States Armed Forces and the President's principle military advisor. His service spans more than four decades of active military duty to the United States Navy and the Department of Defense.

Born in Los Angeles, California, Admiral Mike Mullen was commissioned into the Navy after graduating with the Class of 1986, from the United States Naval Academy. His rise in the Navy began at sea, when Ensign Mullen reported aboard the destroyer, USS *Collett*, as an Anti-Submarine Officer. While aboard the ship, he deployed to the Western Pacific and participated in combat operations off the coast of Vietnam. Afterwards, he subsequently served on six other warships, including com-

mand of three of those vessels at sea, and he commanded the George Washington Carrier Strike Group and United States Second Fleet. His shore assignments have been focused in the areas of resourcing and personnel which included duty with the Bureau of Personnel, the Navy staff, and the staff of the Secretary of Defense. He helped train, educate, and mentor future generations of naval officers during tours at the United States Naval Academy. Throughout his career, he has demonstrated exemplary service in duty to the mission and care for his sailors.

In August 2003, Admiral Mike Mullen was selected to serve as the Navy's 32nd Vice Chief of Naval Operations. During the first half of 2005, he served as Commander of NATO's Joint Force Command Naples and Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Europe, leading the Alliance's peacekeeping operations in the Balkans and its important training mission in Iraq.

In July of 2005, Admiral Mike Mullen was sworn in as the 28th Chief of Naval Operations, serving as the top uniformed leader of the Navy and representative to the Joint Chiefs of Staff. During his tenure, he oversaw the service's efforts to man, train, and equip the United States Navy to fulfill its traditional missions at sea. Admiral Mike Mullen also conceived and championed the Navy's contributions to the ground war efforts in Iraq and Afghanistan and other regions to combat violent terrorism. Admiral Mike Mullen further led efforts to provide a framework and concrete plan to stabilize the Navy's shipbuilding program to support a three hundred-thirteen ship fleet to maintain the United States' maritime superiority in a dynamic and uncertain world.

On October 1st, 2007, the President of the United States and the United States Senate appointed Admiral Mike Mullen as the 17th Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Since assuming duties as Chairman, he has overseen continuous joint military operations with our Nation's allies to eradicate terrorist networks throughout the world. Admiral Mike Mullen's overall leadership supported the incredible turnaround in security and stability in Iraq and has bolstered the efforts of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) alliance in Afghanistan. Additionally during his tenure, Admiral Mike Mullen oversaw military humanitarian assistance operations in relief of major international disasters to include the 2010 Haiti Earthquake and 2011 Japan Earthquake and Tsunami.

Although Admiral Mike Mullen's dedication to service has been honored by a wide array of leadership awards and decorations over the years, this consummate military professional's commitment to his Nation is driven by much more profound reasons. My wife Beverly and I have seen personally that he is a man who cares deeply for our men and women in uniform, their families, and the families of the fallen and missing. Admiral Mike Mullen, along with his wife Deborah, have passionately represented our men and women in uniform, particularly those who have returned from this

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